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DEPARTMENT FOR EUR/CE (CHESTER)

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PGOV BQG NATO
SUBJECT: NATO MINISTERIAL MEETING: COMMUNIQUE PASSAGE
ON BERLIN AND GERMANY

REFS: (A) STATE 287482; (B) BONN 19878; (C) USNATO 11721

1. "OBSERVATION" IN PARAGRAPH THREE OF REF (B) SHOULD
BE "OBSERVANCE."
2. AT BONN GROUP MEETING DECEMBER 2, THE FRG REP (VON
BRAUNMUEHL) SAID THAT THE FRG WOULD LIKE TO SEE A
REFERENCE TO THE LONDON DECLARATION OF MAY 9 INCLUDED
IN THE NATO COMMUNIQUE IN ADDITION TO THE REFERENCES TO
TIES AND FOREIGN REPRESENTATION. HE ASKED WHETHER THE
FRENCH WOULD ACCEPT BOTH A REFERENCE TO THE LONDON
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DECLARATION AND A REVISED REFERENCE TO TIES ALONG THE
LINES OF THAT PORTION OF THE FRG CHANCELLOR'S OCTOBER 3
STATEMENT WHICH IS INCLUDED IN PARAGRAPH ONE OF THE
POLITICAL ASSESSMENT ("THE TIES WHICH HAVE GROWN UP
BETWEEN THE WESTERN SECTORS OF BERLIN AND THE FEDERAL
REPUBLIC OF GERMANY CANNOT BE DENIED"). VON BRAUNMUEHL
SAID THAT THE SAME OR SIMILAR LANGUAGE COULD BE USED

WITHOUT MAKING REFERENCE TO THE CHANCELLOR.

3. THE US REP SAID THAT, ACCORDING TO HIS INSTRUCTIONS, THE DEPARTMENT WOULD ALSO PREFER THAT THE REFERENCE TO THE LONDON DECLARATION BE RETAINED IF POSSIBLE. THE UK REP (EYERS) SAID THAT THE FCO CAN ACCEPT EITHER OF THE VERSIONS OF THE COMMUNIQUE IN REF (B).

4. RICHARD LATER INFORMED THE BONN GROUP THAT PARIS WAS AGREEABLE TO THE COMMUNIQUE PROPOSED IN PARAGRAPH THREE OF REF (B), PROVIDED THERE WERE NO MORE CHANGES. WHEN RICHARD PUT FORTH THE NEW FRG SUGGESTION, PARIS REJECTED IT. VON BRAUNMUEHL SAID THAT THE REFERENCE TO TIES AND FOREIGN REPRESENTATION IS "HIGHLY IMPORTANT" TO THE FRG AND, FACED WITH A CHOICE BETWEEN THE INCLUSION OF THAT REFERENCE AND ONE TO THE LONDON DECLARATION, THE FRG PREFERS THAT THE COMMUNIQUE NOT MENTION THE LONDON DECLARATION. HE SUGGESTED THAT THE INCLUSION OF BOTH REFERENCES MIGHT BE THE SUBJECT OF DISCUSSION BY THE POLITICAL DIRECTORS. HE SAID, HOWEVER, THAT THE COMMUNIQUE TEXT IN PARAGRAPH THREE OF REF (B) IS ACCEPTABLE TO THE FRG.

5. COMMENT: THE COMMUNIQUE TEXT IN PARAGRAPH THREE
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OF REF (B) IS ACCEPTABLE TO ALL FOUR CAPITALS. HOWEVER,

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IN VIEW OF THE DEPARTMENT'S VIEW (WHICH WE SHARE) THAT
A REFERENCE TO THE LONDON DECLARATION WOULD BE DESIRABLE,
THE DEPARTMENT MIGHT WITH TO CONSIDER HAVING THIS MATTER
RAISED AT THE POLITICAL DIRECTORS' MEETING IN THE HOPE
THAT THE FRENCH CAN BE CONVINCED TO INCLUDE IT ON THE
GROUND THAT THE LONDON DECLARATION REFERS NOT ONLY TO
FRG/BERLIN TIES BUT ALSO TO QUADRIPARTITE RIGHTS IN ALL
FOUR SECTORS OF BERLIN. BASED ON VON BRAUNMUEHL'S
SUGGESTION, THE FRG WOULD PRESUMABLY BE PREPARED TO
AGREE TO A MODIFICATION OF THE LANGUAGE CONCERNING TIES
AND FOREIGN REPRESENTATION.

6. WE CONCUR WITH USNATO'S RECOMMENDATION THAT OTHER
NATO REPS BE PROVIDED WITH COMMUNIQUE LANGUAGE ON BERLIN
PRIOR TO THE MINISTERIAL, WITH THE CAVEAT THAT
THE LANGUAGE MAY BE CHANGED ON FINAL REVIEW BY THE FOUR
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MINISTERS. IN VIEW OF FRENCH SENSITIVITIES ABOUT NATO,
RICHARD HAS REQUESTED THAT INSTRUCTIONS ON THIS POINT
BE SENT TO FRENCH EMBASSY BONN AND TO FRENCH MISSION TO
NATO. WE RECOMMEND THAT THIS MATTER BE COORDINATED
IN NATO.

7. ACTION REQUESTED: DEPARTMENT'S APPROVAL OF
RECOMMENDATION IN REF (C), WITH AUTHORITY FOR USMISSION
NATO TO COORDINATE WITH OTHER THREE MISSIONS IN
BRUSSELS TO INTRODUCE THE TEXT AS PRESENTLY AGREED
(PARA 3, REF B) INTO THE COMMUNIQUE DRAFTING
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